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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO PRESS CONFERENCE ON COSTA RICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

REF: SAN JOSE 1872

1. ON MAY 2 FONMIN GONZALO FACIO HELD PRESS CONFERENCE WHEREIN HE DIVULGED MAJOR POINTS OF FONMIN NOTE TO SECSTATE VANCE GIVING WRITTEN NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM IATTC (SEE REFTEL). IN ADDITION, SWCIO REITERATED COSTA RICAN SUPPORT FOR REFORMING IATTC SO AS TO ASSIGN GUARANTEED QUOTAS TO RIPARIAN STATES AND NOTED THE NEED TO HARMONIZE THE TUNA CONSERVATION REGIME (WHICYBHE SAID IS INTRA-ZONAL IN CHARACTER BECAUSE OF MIGRATORY NATURE OF TUNA) WITH THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF THE COASTAL STATES OVER THE RESOURCES OF THEIR PATRIMONIAL SEA.

2. FACIO ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT THAT COSTA RICA'S TUNA FISHING LAW HAD SERIOUS DEFECTS THAT SHOULD BE CORRECTED. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE CITED LACK OF PROVISION FOR PATRIMONIAL SEA AROUND THE COCO ISLAND. ANOTHER DEFECT IN LAW 5775 TO WHICH HE ALLUDED WAS THE FEE SYSTEM WHEREBY FEES ARE BASED ON SIZE OF THE TUNA BOAT RATHER THAN ON THE QUANTITY OF THE TUNA CAUGHT IN COSTA RICA'S

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PATRIMONIAL WATERS.

3. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, THE GOCR PATROL CRAFT, WHICH HAD BEEN IN DRY DOCK FOR REPAIRS SINCE APRIL 24, RUESMED PATROLLING COASTAL WATERS ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 3RD. RECONNAISSANCE AIR-CRAFT REPORTEDLY ASSISTED IN PATROL MORNING OF MAY 4.

4. COMMENT: THE TUNA ISSUE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN LOCAL PRESS NEARLY TWO WEEKS AFTER TUNA BOATS SEIZED. WHILE PUBLIC IS BEING "EDUCATED" ON LEGAL MATTERS SURROUNDING THE TUNA ISSUE, THE PRACTICAL ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY OF TUNA FISHERIES IS BEING GIVEN VERY LIGHT TREATMENT. FACIO, HOWEVER, DID TRY TO INJECT THIS ASPECT INTO HIS PRESS CONFERENCE.

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